Average age of aircrafts

822. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average age of different types of aircrafts of the Indian Airlines Ltd. and Air India, separately; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to make the fleet younger?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The average age of different types of aircraft of Air India and Indian Airlines are as under:—

	Type of Aircraft	Age in Years(as on 1.7.2005)
Air India:		
	B747-300	16.7
	B747-400	12.8
	B747-400(Combi)	14.0
	A310-300	15.1
	B777-200ER	07.4
	B737-800	0.3
Indian Airlines:		
	A300	22.8
	A320	13.9
	B-737	23.9
	DO-228	20.1

(b) Air India and Indian Airlines have submitted project reports for acquisition of new aircraft, which are presently under Government's consideration.

Code of conduct on poaching of pilots

823. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are trying to create a code of conduct among airlines against poaching of pilots and technicians;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and